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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Serial No.: 09/036,819)	S. Devi, Ph.D.
Filed: March 9, 1998)	Date: September 17, 1999
For: METHOD FOR MEASURING FREE))	Pasadena, California
LIGANDS IN BIOLOGICAL)	
FLUIDS, AND ASSAY KITS)	
FOR MEASURING SAME)	

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 24, 1999.

In the claims, please cancel claim 41 and re-write that claim as follows:

53. A method for measuring the concentration of free testosterone ligand in a biological fluid in the presence of bound ligand and endogenous binding proteins, without disturbing the equilibrium between said free ligand and protein-bound ligand, which method comprises

(a) incubating, a sample of the biological fluid with (i) a